LITANY OF BROTHERHOOD

Minister: Jesus, born in poverty, workman of Nazareth, lover of all children of God,

People: Teach us to love one another.

M: Jesus, who came to preach good tidings to the poor; to proclaim release to the captives, to bring recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

P: Teach us to love one another.

M: Jesus, in whom all the nations of the earth are one, in whom is neither bond nor free, black nor white, brother of all,

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M: From hatred and malice that crush human life, from contempt of others that destroys personality, from selfishness that brings suffering to others, from oppression and injustice that stifles growth, from reluctance to trace our common kin-ship with Thy children everywhere, from misunderstanding of Thy purpose which prevents Thy kingdom's coming,

P: Turn us aside, O Lord.

M: Into an appreciation for the gifts of all races and nationalities, into an increasing sense of human worth, into a growing desire for brotherhood, into a deepening consecration to Thy kingdom,

P: Lead us, O Lord.

M: "We pray, Lord of all, who lovest all men, for a new America, a new Europe, a new Asia, a new world, wherein every race may be free.

P: Receive our prayer, O Christ.

M: Thou all-conquering Christ, who for us men and for our salvation hast been stretched upon a cross these many years and yet art triumphant over all disaster, we acknowledge Thee as our Savior and hail Thee as the Lord of all. Thou who didst teach that save a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, Thy life was sown amidst many and great dangers to rise again in beauty and power.....O thou long-suffering and most patient Christ, forgive our negligence of Thy love, wash clean our hands from sin, and grant us with Thee the victory which overcometh pain and death; for Thy name's sake. Amen